

It has come to my attention that FCC is proposing to expand the LPFM station service in a way that would allow new LPFM stations to take priority over current FM translator services.

For years, my family and myself have listened to a translator service, our local K-LOVE station, and strongly enjoy the service.

K-LOVE is a nationwide non-profit listener-supported radio network made up of translators that provide Christian music programming to small, mid, and large metro areas.

If the LPFM stations were allowed to take priority over existing translator stations, several small and mid-sized communities, such as mine, would lose our current signal and would no longer be served by the format provided by our K-LOVE translator. Our community, and other communities across the country would therefore lose the quality programming that is currently provided.

And the service that K-LOVE provides is obviously enjoyed and appreciated by the hundreds of thousands of listeners of the translator service, since the station is totally listener-supported.

I strongly believe that the service provided by K-LOVE is in the public interest by providing a Christian, family-friendly format without commercials. If our K-LOVE translator is replaced by an LPFM station, our community does not have any comparable service that would replace the station that we and hundreds of thousands of people across the country listen to daily, and would therefore be strongly and adversely affected.

Therefore, I oppose and also request that FCC does not continue the proposed expansion of the LPFM stations that would give local LPFM stations priority over FM translators.